

Assembly Bill No. 2633

CHAPTER 272

An act to add Section 31529.9 to the Government Code, relating to county retirement systems.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2633, Firestone. County retirement systems.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes the board of retirement and board of investment to contract with attorneys in private practice for legal services and advice.

This bill would authorize boards of retirement and investment in Kern County, Orange County, San Joaquin County, and Santa Barbara County to contract with county counsel or with attorneys in private practice, or employ staff attorneys, for legal services.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31529.9 is added to the Government Code, to read:

31529.9. (a) In addition to the powers granted by Sections 31529, 31529.5, 31614, and 31732, the board of retirement and the board of investment may contract with the county counsel or with attorneys in private practice or employ staff attorneys for legal services.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 31529.5 and 31580, the board shall pay, from system assets, reasonable compensation for the legal services.

(c) This section shall be applicable to any county of the 2nd class, 14th class, 15th class, or the 16th class as described by Sections 28020, 28023, 28035, 28036, and 28037.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act is not intended to diminish, limit, or otherwise affect the power of a county board of retirement or investments to appoint, discharge, or otherwise administer and manage its employees under Section 31522.1 of the Government Code or other provisions of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 or Section 17 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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